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- The New York Governor's office announced a public health emergency due to the State's rise in reported flu cases. *Auburn Citizen* (See item <u>17</u>)
- Kaspersky Lab researchers uncovered a sophisticated, long-running cyber espionage campaign targeting governments, energy companies, embassies, and aerospace companies dubbed 'Red October.' The malware used is customized to individual targets, uses a complex command and control system, and utilizes spear phishing attacks to infect victims. Wired.com (See item 27)
- Authorities arrested three suspects in connection to a hostage situation involving 14 store employees, one of which was stabbed and another sexually assaulted, in Los Angeles January 10. KCAL 9 Los Angeles (See item <u>36</u>)

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

1. *January 12, WNYW 5 New York* – (New York) **Nuclear plant worker accused of theft.** A supervisor at Entergy's Indian Point nuclear power plant allegedly stole copper cable and metal scraps, valued at around \$50,000, from the site over a 6 month time frame.

 $Source: \underline{http://www.myfoxny.com/story/20570031/nuclear-plant-worker-accused-of-\underline{theft}$

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Banking and Finance Sector

2. January 12, WCSC 5 Charleston – (South Carolina) Summerville man pleads guilty in \$45 million mortgage fraud conspiracy. A man pleaded guilty in federal court in South Carolina to fraud and tax charges in relation to a \$45 million mortgage fraud scheme. The man and others recruited straw buyers to purchase properties, inflated their apparent worth to obtain loans, and then received commissions or signing bonuses from the lenders.

Source: http://www.live5news.com/story/20567182/summerville-man-pleads-to-45-million-mort

3. *January 11, Tahoe Daily Tribune* – (California) **'Fedora Bandit' pleads guilty.** The man known as the 'Fedora Bandit' pleaded guilty to robbing three banks in Gridley, Paradise, and Rancho Cordova. Source:

 $\underline{\text{http://www.tahoedailytribune.com/article/20130111/NEWS/130119961/1056\&parentpr}} \\ \text{ofile=1056}$

4. *January 11, Ventura County Star* – (California) **Men plead guilty to identity theft crimes that included Ventura County victims.** Two members of an ATM skimming ring that targeted machines throughout California pleaded guilty to stealing \$341,000 from about 1,000 victims.

Source: http://www.vcstar.com/news/2013/jan/11/men-plead-guilty-to-identity-theft-crimes-in-atm/

5. January 11, Galesburg Register-Mail – (Illinois) Cattlemen plead guilty to bank fraud. Two cattlemen pleaded guilty in a check kiting scheme that defrauded two banks of more than \$400,000.

 $\textbf{Source:} \ \underline{http://www.galesburg.com/newsnow/x1233667054/Cattlemen-plead-guilty-to-bank-fraud}$

6. January 11, Associated Press – (Georgia) Ex-officers of failed Ga. bank charged with fraud. Seven former officers of First National Bank of Savannah were indicted for allegedly covering up bad loans and making loans to unqualified applicants — actions that the indictment claims led the bank to collapse and cost the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation \$90 million.

Source: http://www.businessweek.com/ap/2013-01-11/ex-officers-of-failed-ga-dot-bank-charged-with-fraud

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Transportation Sector

7. *January 14, Tampa Bay Times* – (Florida) **Five students suffer minor injuries in Pasco school bus accident.** A school bus carrying Rushe Middle School students collided with a car on State Road 54 in Pasco, resulting in minor injuries to five students.

 $Source: \underline{http://www.tampabay.com/news/publicsafety/accidents/five-students-suffer-\underline{minor-injuries-in-pasco-school-bus-accident/1270472}$

- 8. January 14, NY1 News (New York) Bird strikes force return of two JFK flights. Two JetBlue flights leaving John F. Kennedy International Airport January 12 and 13 had to turn around after hitting birds shortly after departure.

 Source: http://www.ny1.com/content/top_stories/175402/faa--bird-strikes-force-return-of-two-jfk-flights
- 9. January 13, South Jersey Times (New Jersey) Maurice River Township dike breach spurs work to secure Matts Landing Road. A dike breached near Matts

Landing Road in Maurice River Township, causing flooding and notable damage to the roadway January 13.

Source:

http://www.nj.com/cumberland/index.ssf/2013/01/crews_work_to_secure_matts_lan.html

10. *January 13*, *JG-TC* – (Illinois) Chemical spill near Farina still rerouting Interstate **57 traffic.** A part of Interstate 57 was still closed after a chemical tanker overturned and leaked what was believed to be chloroacetyl chloride onto the Fayette County highway January 10.

Source: http://jg-tc.com/news/chemical-spill-near-farina-still-rerouting-interstate-traffic/article_2cdd2f8e-5dec-11e2-b03a-001a4bcf887a.html?comment_form=true

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Nothing to report

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Agriculture and Food Sector

- 11. January 14, Food Safety News (International) Lettuce for KFC and Taco Bell in Canada recalled. FreshPoint in Toronto recalled its Flashpoint lettuce products distributed to KFC and Taco Bell in Canada, after testing attributed the products to an outbreak involving some 26 instances of contamination from E. coli O1567:H7. Source: http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2013/01/lettuce-for-kfc-and-taco-bell-in-canada-recalled/#.UPP25h2Cm58
- 12. *January 12, Food Safety News* (California) **CDPH: Sister Sara products recalled for Botulism danger.** The California Department of Public Health advised consumers that they should not certain products produced by Sister Sara's Good for You because they may have been improperly processed, making them prone to contamination with Clostridium botulinum. Among the recalled products are jarred pickles and beets. Source: http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2013/01/sister-sara-products-recalled-for-botulism-dangers/#.UPP25h2Cm58

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13. *January 14*, *Canton Repository* – (Ohio) **Marathon Refinery to send water, \$800,000 to Canton.** Marathon Petroleum Co.'s refinery will make payments to Canton to send treated wastewater through the city's sewers after it was found that the level of salts in the plant's wastewater is too high for its current discharge location.

Source: http://www.cantonrep.com/news/x1922391014/Marathon-Refinery-to-send-water-800-000-to-Canton

- 14. January 13, Associated Press (Louisiana) FEMA to pay \$19M for N.O. sewage pump stations. A new and improved sewage infrastructure in New Orleans will be paid by the Federal Emergency Management Agency at the cost of \$19 million. Source: http://www.wwl.com/FEMA-to-pay--19M-for-N-O--sewage-pump-stations/15258841
- 15. January 13, KDLT 47 Sioux Falls (South Dakota) No water on Monday for town of Alcester. After a water main break January 11, Alcester will be without water January 14 and local schools will be closed as well.

 Source:

 http://www.kdlt.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=23335&Itemid=57
- 16. January 13, Adair County Community Voice (Kentucky) Boil water advisory in effect in Flatwoods, Sparksville, Breeding, Keltner. The Columbia Adair Utilities District issued a boil water advisory for consumers in Sparksville, Keltner, Flatwoods, and Breeding after a main line leak raised the potential for bacteriological contamination.

Source: http://accvonline.com/?p=1465

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

- 17. *January 13*, *Auburn Citizen* (New York) **More than 19,000 flu cases reported in New York; declares public health emergency.** The New York Governor's office announced a public health emergency due to the State's rise in reported flu cases. Source: http://auburnpub.com/blogs/eye_on_ny/cuomo-more-than-flu-cases-reported-in-new-york-declares/article_138de4f2-5d50-11e2-9d81-0019bb2963f4.html
- 18. January 13, Associated Press (New York) Over 700 patients at Buffalo VA hospital may have been exposed to HIV; risk said to be low. The Buffalo Veterans Administration Center has warned of possible exposure to HIV, hepatitis B, or hepatitis C for their diabetic patients due to a re-use of insulin pens by mistake. Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/health-science/over-700-patients-at-buffalo-va-hospital-may-have-been-exposed-to-hiv-risk-said-to-be-low/2013/01/13/70c5d9ce-5df3-11e2-8acb-ab5cb77e95c8 story.html

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Government Facilities Sector

19. *January 14*, *WJXT 4 Jacksonville* – (Florida) **Duval Charter School evacuated after fire.** A January 14 fire at the Duval Charter School closed the facility for the remainder

of the day.

Source: http://www.news4jax.com/news/Duval-Charter-School-evacuated-after-fire/-/475880/18119888/-/5wt2wa/-/index.html

20. *January 12, Middletown Press* – (Connecticut) **2 arrested after allegedly planting fake bomb at East Hampton Middle School.** Authorities arrested two suspects January 12 when they tried to plant a fake bomb at East Hampton Middle School, the venue for a youth basketball league that day.

 $\frac{\text{http://middletownpress.com/articles/2013/01/12/news/doc50f20ef329836441458301.txt}{\text{?viewmode=fullstory}}$

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21. *January 14, WBTV 3 Charlotte* – (North Carolina) **Woman arrested after threatening to blow up police department.** A woman was arrested January 13 after she entered the Gaston County Police Department with a lighter and gas can with the intention of blowing up the station.

Source: http://www.wbtv.com/story/20580823/woman-arrested-after-threatening-to-blow-up-police-department-police-say?hpt=ju_bn4

- 22. *January 14, Baton Rouge Advocate* (Louisiana) **Arrests in stolen guns from cop vehicles.** A third person was arrested January 7 after his DNA was analyzed at a State crime lab after weapons and stolen articles were taken from two police vehicles in Livingston Parish. Authorities were still searching for the missing items. Source: http://theadvocate.com/news/police/4899663-123/arrests-in-stolen-guns-from
- 23. January 13, WPVI 6 Philadelphia (Pennsylvania) Police: Fake fire inspector steals from Philly landmarks. A man known to mimic civil servants was arrested after stealing several items worth thousands of dollars by imitating a Philadelphia fire inspector. He wore a uniform and provided false credentials while demanding to conduct inspections on various properties he burglarized.

 Source: http://abclocal.go.com/wpvi/story?section=news/local&id=8953019
- 24. *January 12, Pittsburgh Tribune-Review* (Pennsylvania) **Merged 911 still has 'bugs,' problems in handling of calls, responses.** Emergency personnel and residents claim Pittsburgh and Allegheny County's 9-1-1 system continues to have issues after over \$10 million was spent on consolidating and updating the system. Source: http://triblive.com/news/allegheny/3272107-74/911-police-call#axzz2HxoRRrxl
- 25. *January 12*, *Associated Press* (Mississippi) **Inmate to plead guilty in deadly Miss. prison riot.** An Adams County Correctional Facility inmate is scheduled to change his

plea to guilty for his involvement in a May 20, 2012 prison riot in Natchez that left 20 people hurt and an officer dead.

Source: http://www.mysanantonio.com/news/crime/article/Inmate-to-plead-guilty-indeadly-Miss-prison-riot-4189034.php

26. January 11, WWLP 22 Springfield – (Massachusetts) Inmate getting additional prison time after sending white powder letters to judge, DA's office. A Springfield inmate that sent palmitic acid to a judge and the Hampden County DA's office received an additional 4 to 5 years on top of his sentence after pleading guilty January 10. Source: http://www.wwlp.com/dpp/news/local/hampden/inmate-getting-additional-prison-time-after-sending-white-powder-letters-to-hampden-das-office

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Information Technology Sector

27. *January 14, Wired.com* – (International) **Cybersleuths uncover 5-year spy operation targeting governments, others.** Kaspersky Lab researchers uncovered a sophisticated, long-running cyber espionage campaign targeting governments, energy companies, embassies, and aerospace companies dubbed 'Red October.' The malware used is customized to individual targets, uses a complex command and control system, and utilizes spear phishing attacks to infect victims.

Source: http://www.wired.com/threatlevel/2013/01/red-october-spy-campaign/all/

28. *January 14, The H* – (International) **Apache CouchDB updates handle multiple security issues.** Apache recently released new versions of its CouchDB database that address several vulnerabilities present in past versions.

 $Source: \underline{http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Apache-CouchDB-updates-\underline{handle-multiple-security-issues-1783275.html}$

29. *January 14, Help Net Security* – (International) **Dangerous remote Linksys 0-day root exploit discovered.** Researchers at DefenseCode found a remote-access zero-day vulnerability in Linksys routers' default installation. Cisco stated that they expect a fix to be available in approximately 10 days.

Source: http://www.net-

 $\frac{security.org/secworld.php?id=14234\&utm_source=feedburner\&utm_medium=feed\&utm_source=feedburner\&utm_medium=feed\&utm_source=feedburner\&utm_medium=feed\&utm_source=feedburner\&utm_medium=feed\&utm_source=feedburner\&utm_medium=feed\&utm_source=feedburner\&utm_medium=feed\&utm_source=feedburner\&utm_medium=feed\&utm_source=feedburner\&utm_medium=feed\&utm_source=feedburner\&utm_medium=feed\&utm_source=feedburner\&utm_medium=feed\&utm_source=feedburner\&utm_medium=feed\&utm_source=feedburner\&utm_medium=feed\&utm_source=feedburner\&utm_source=feedburner\&utm_medium=feed\&utm_source=feedburner\&utm_source=feedbu$

30. *January 13*, *Krebs on Security* – (International) **Oracle ships critical security update for Java.** Oracle released an update for Java to fix the recent critical vulnerability that allowed malware to exploit computers running the program. The update also increases the default security settings for running Java applications from 'medium' to 'high.' Source: http://krebsonsecurity.com/2013/01/oracle-ships-critical-security-update-for-java/

31. *January 11*, *Threatpost* – (International) **Sybase fixes nine ASE flaws.** Sybase issued nine patches for its Adaptive Server Enterprise that close database vulnerabilities that could allow attackers to bypass security and execute code.

Source: http://threatpost.com/en_us/blogs/sybase-help-appsec-fixes-nine-ase-flaws-011113

Internet Alert Dashboard

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32. *January 11, KSTK 101.7 FM Wrangell* – (Alaska) **GCI ship to repair earthquake-damaged fiber optic cables.** Broken underwater fiber optic cable lines that were damaged by a January 5 earthquake could take up to 48 hours to be fixed by a GCI boat. Customers in Wrangell were still experiencing trouble with telephone, Internet, and television.

Source: http://www.kstk.org/2013/01/11/gci-ship-to-repair-earthquake-damaged-fiber-optic-cables/

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Commercial Facilities Sector

- 33. *January 14, WUSA 9 Washington D.C.* (Maryland) **Police: Suspect arrested in deadly New Carrollton fire.** A suspected arson fire at a New Carrollton apartment complex January 13 left 2 victims dead and displaced around 50 residents. Source: http://washington.cbslocal.com/2013/01/14/person-jumps-to-death-trying-to-escape-massive-fire-in-new-carrollton/
- 34. *January 14*, *WLFI 18 West Lafayette* (Indiana) **Man in custody after holding two women hostage.** A man was arrested after a 10-hour standoff with the police involving hostages at a Crawfordsville storage unit January 13.

 Source: http://www.wlfi.com/dpp/news/local/man-in-custody-after-holding-two-women-hostage
- 35. *January 14, WNBC 4 New York* (New York) **4-alarm fire in Queens leaves 3 injured.** A 4-alarm fire that broke out at a 7-story New York City apartment building January 12 left multiple families displaced and injured 3 people.

Source: http://www.nbcnewyork.com/news/local/4-Alarm-Fire-Flushing-Queens-3-Injured-Several-Families-Displaced-Homeless-186683321.html

- 36. January 13, KCAL 9 Los Angeles (California) LAPD arrests 3 in connection with Nordstrom rack hostage-taking robbery. Authorities arrested three suspects in connection to a hostage situation involving 14 store employees, one of which was stabbed and another sexually assaulted, in Los Angeles January 10. Source: http://losangeles.cbslocal.com/2013/01/13/report-2-arrested-in-connection-with-nordstrom-rack-hostage-taking-robbery/
- 37. *January 13, WBZ-TV 4 Boston* (Massachusetts) **Dorchester fire hospitalizes 2, displaces 16.** The fire that left around \$500,000 in damages to an apartment structure in Dorchester displaced 16 people and hospitalized 2.

 Source: http://boston.cbslocal.com/2013/01/13/dorchester-fire-hospitalizes-2-displaces-16/
- 38. *January 13*, *KREM 2 Spokane* (Washington) **Vandal causes thousands in damage to Medical Lake church.** One or more people broke into the Lake Assembly of God church in Medical Lake and caused \$50,000 worth of damage in an apparent hate crime.

Source: http://www.krem.com/news/local/Vandal-causes-housands-in-damage-to-Medical-Lake-church-186708541.html

39. *January 12*, *San Diego Union-Tribune* – (California) **Police shoot suspect in movie theater.** A movie theater in Carmel Mountain was evacuated by police January 12 after the suspect of a domestic dispute fled into the theater. Police engaged the suspect in a gunfight that left the suspect wounded and in police custody.

Source: http://www.utsandiego.com/news/2013/jan/12/officers-shoot-suspect-in-movie-theater/

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40. *January 13, Defense Video and Imagery Distrubution System* – (Tennessee) **Nashville District responding to high water event.** In response to heavy precipitation in Tennessee, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Nashville released water from dams across the Cumberland Basin.

 ${\bf Source: \ \underline{http://www.dvidshub.net/news/100321/nashville-district-responding-high-water-event\#.UPQRHa7nHcs}}$

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